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GLENN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF THE RECORD OF DECISION ON THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULEMAKING


PAGE, AZ Superintendent Kitty L. Roberts, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, today announced the availability of the *Record of Decision* on the *Final Environmental Impact Statement Personal Watercraft Rulemaking*. Copies of the *Record of Decision* and the *Final Environmental Impact Statement* can be found on the recreation area's website planning page at www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm.

The *Final Environmental Impact Statement* described and analyzed three alternatives to manage personal watercraft on Lake Powell and its tributaries to provide for the long-term protection of park resources while allowing a range of recreational opportunities. Specifically, it evaluated proposed actions related to visitor use zones and accessible developed areas, facilities and recreational services, visitor safety and conflicts, resource protection, and recreation area operations.

After thorough analysis and extensive public involvement, the National Park Service has determined it will implement alternative B (the modified preferred alternative in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement*) because it best meets the general management objectives of the National Park Service for protecting recreation area resources and values while offering recreation opportunities as provided for in the recreation area's enabling legislation, purpose, mission, and goals. The need to protect the natural environment and support the recreational interests of visitors is recognized under this alternative.

To implement this alternative, the National Park Service will publish a special regulation to specifically authorize the use of personal watercraft in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. This alternative will implement geographic restrictions on personal watercraft use and define an additional flat-wake zone. All personal watercraft used in the recreation area after December 31, 2012 will be required to meet the 2006 emission standards set by the EPA for the manufacturing of gasoline marine engines (61 FR 52087-52169). This alternative also includes strategies to better protect recreation area resources, improve visitor safety, and reduce recreational use conflicts.

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Hard copies of the *Record of Decision* may be obtained by writing:

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